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NEWS RELEASE:
Secretary Peña Announces Intent to Appoint Judi Johansen To Lead Bonneville Power
Administration*

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Secretary of Energy Federico Peña today announced his intent to appoint Judi Johansen, a former official with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), as its new administrator. Currently vice president of business development with Portland, Oregon-based Avista Energy, Johansen had served for four years with BPA, leaving as vice president for generation supply.

"As everyone in the region knows, we have conducted an extensive search for the next administrator. I'm delighted that we found someone with Judi's background, experience and judgement," said Secretary Peña. "Judi would bring a wealth of experience to the job, having served at both Bonneville and in the private sector. She understands the competitive power business, having worked for a private power marketing firm, and knows the challenges Bonneville faces in this new business environment. She is committed to making the changes necessary for Bonneville to streamline its operations. She also is committed to environmental stewardship and working with others in the region to develop a viable plan for Bonneville to assist in salmon recovery efforts."

Johansen first joined BPA in 1992 as a senior policy advisor. She was BPA's lead negotiator on Endangered Species Act consultations with the National Marine Fisheries Service on Columbia River Operations. She then became vice president for generation supply with executive oversight of power supply, scheduling, trading, short-term sales and federal and non-federal projects.

Earlier, she was a partner in the Tacoma, Wash., law firm of Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell and, before that, a staff attorney for the Public Power Council, a trade association of Northwest consumer-owned electric utilities.

Johansen is a member of the Washington and Oregon Bars and is a former council member of the American Bar Association (ABA) section of natural resources, energy and environmental law (1993-95). She is a past chairman of the ABA electric power committee and a member of the editorial board for the *Natural Resource & Environment* magazine. Johansen is a senior fellow in the American Leadership Forum, Oregon Class XI. She recently was appointed by the governor of Montana to serve on the state's technical advisory committee for electric industry restructuring.

A native of Colorado, Johansen received a bachelor's degree in political science from Colorado State University in 1980. She has served as an ex-officio member for the Colorado State Board of Agriculture, governing board for Colorado State University, the University of Southern Colorado and Fort Lewis

College. In 1983, she received a law degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.

BPA, one of the five federal power marketing agencies within the U.S. Department of Energy, is a power wholesaler with more than 150 utility, government and direct service industry customers. It generates \$2.5 billion annually by marketing low-cost clean electricity from federal hydroelectric plants in the Columbia River Basin and one non-federal nuclear power plant, and by charging transmission rates to users of BPA's high-voltage transmission system. In addition to power and transmission benefits, the agency has invested more than \$2.5 billion since 1980 in efforts to restore endangered salmon runs in the Columbia and its tributaries, and helped the region research and develop renewable resources such as wind, methane-fueled and geothermal projects.

BPA's main service territory is Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and the portion of Montana west of the Continental Divide, as well as small portions of Nevada, Wyoming, Utah and northern California.

Intent to appoint means that the appointment is pending routine clearance procedures.

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